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Fair Calendar—1883.

Maine State Fair, Lewiston, September, 18—21.
Fruiting, Farmington, Oct. 5—11.
Sagadahoc, Topsham, Oct. 5—11.
Kennebec, Portland, Oct. 5—11. (Address by Gov. Noble.)
No. Knox, Hope Corner, Oct. 5—11.

Domestic Agricultural Experiments.

We give below some of the results of the experiments conducted during the past two years, at the Ontario Agricultural College and Experiment Station. Some of these results are of great importance, and all of them are of interest to the farmer. The management of this station is in very able hands, and results reported may be relied upon.

1. Corn fodder newly cut and drawn from the field when green, cut into long lengths, packed into a common rough stone roof, cellar half under ground, and weighted with 600 pounds per superficial square yard, can be preserved, except adjoining such a wall, for an indefinite time in a condition fit for animal food, at a cost not exceeding \$1 per ton, exclusive of the cost of the silage.

2. In competition with swede turnips, ensilage corn fodder gave fifteen per cent. less milk, thirty per cent. less butter, and a poorer marketable butter in color.

3. Damaged wheat can be very economically used in the fattening of cattle—nine pounds per head per day gave a daily increase of two pounds per head per day, at a cost of 4½ cents per pound to the live weight.

4. Rice meal, in the fattening of cattle, gave a daily increase of 1.31 pounds per head per day, by the use of six pounds per head per day, at a cost of about seven cents per pound.

5. Barley meal in cattle fattening requires a large amount of other foods in association, and 11½ pounds per head per day gave a daily increase of 3.14 pounds per head per day, at a cost of seven cents per pound live weight.

6. Corn meal took the highest place in a daily rate of increase in the fattening of cattle; 9½ pounds per head daily gave a daily increase of 3.14 pounds per head per day, at a cost of seven cents per pound live weight.

7. Pea meal gave the second best daily rate of increase at the least cost of all the regular cattle-feeding grains. Eight and one-half pounds per head daily gave a daily increase of 2.38 pounds, at a cost of five cents per pound of the weight added to the animal.

8. A pure-bred Shorthorn steer can be brought to a weight of 1700 pounds, when one month under two years old, or a daily rate of increase equal to 2½ pounds per day.

9. Hereford grain steers can be brought to average 611 pounds in 238 days, or a rate of 2½ pounds per day.

10. Aberdeen Poll grain steers can be brought to average 720 pounds in 273 days, or a rate of 2½ pounds per day.

11. During winter a 1000-pound steer will consume daily ten pounds hay, thirty-nine pounds turnips, four pounds bran, and three pounds of a mixture of grain, upon which it will add 2.11 pounds to its live weight.

12. One pound of added weight to a 1000-pound steer, can be obtained from the use of various materials that contain eleven pounds of dry substances, chemically.

13. By a large variety of experiments with several kinds of cattle and many kinds of food, we find the actual cost of adding one pound to the live weight of a 1000-pound animal is six cents to the feeder who grows his own materials, and nearly twelve cents when the food is bought in the regular market—manure and management not considered.

14. Sugar beet, weight for weight with mangels and turnips, and in association with equal kinds and quantities of other foods, gave the highest returns in feeding cattle, or 2.70 pounds per head per day.

15. Mangels (swede) added 2.30 pounds per head per day to the average steer, or 2.70 pounds per head per day.

16. Turnips (swede) added 2.30 pounds per head per day to the average steer, or 2.70 pounds per head per day.

17. There is a remarkable uniformity in the annual value of wool and union from the flocks of Cotswold, Leicester, Merino, Oxford Down and South Down, resulting from differences in weight and value of both products.

18. From nearly 5000 observations, the following results have been obtained as evidence of peculiarities, characteristics, or other indications of breeds of cattle:

There is no such class as a "general purpose" breed—none do to the best for the dayman and the butcher.

An average cow for dairy purposes should give twenty pounds of milk per day during 300 days every year; eight pounds of cream for every 100 pounds of milk; forty-five pounds of butter from every 100 pounds of cream, and fully ten pounds of cheese from every 100 pounds of milk.

Bulk, volume, or per cent. of cream is no safe criterion of the quantity of butter in that cream; weight alone is the proper mode of judging.

Bread, as much if not more than food, shows the quantity and quality of milk, cream, butter and cheese.

In Ontario Experimental Farm experience, the Shorthorn is an average milk-giver, high in per cent. of cream, but inferior in butter, and also high in these productions. The grade of this breed approaches the nearest of any others to what is called a "general purpose cow."

The Aberdeen Poll is low in quality of milk, and the second highest of any in specific gravity. The grade of this breed is much improved in milking properties, giving a greater weight of cream, though a lower per cent. of it.

The Hereford is not more prominent than the Shorthorn and Aberdeen Poll in regard

to milk, except in proportion of butter from cream, in which it is highest. The grade is very prominently in advance, particularly in proportion of cream, but one of the lowest in cheese.

The Devon is most distinct in weight of specific gravity of milk, and the highest of cheese from milk. We have no experience with the grade of this breed.

The Galloway milk appears to be of a peculiar texture—rich, or so small in butter globules as to rise very slowly and very indistinctly in the test.

The Ayrshire is a particularly heavy, long milk, giving five times her own weight per season. The milk is somewhat low in specific gravity and per cent. of cream, but is over the average in specific gravity and per cent. of cream, and is improved in any respect except in duration of milking season.

The Jersey is remarkable for proportion of cream, averaging thirty-five per cent., and giving a value of dairy products in comparison with any other breed in our experience.

The Farmington Chronicle recently had for article giving an interesting account of the tanning industry in Chesterfield, from which we make a few extracts. Mr. James P. Merrick early conceived the idea of converting into profitable use a portion of the hemlock bark, then growing in large quantities on the rugged hillsides of every upland farm in town. This was in 1867.

Mr. Merrick was successful in establishing a business, conducted in a rough and primitive way, although it must have been that it met the requirements of the people, for his van was soon filled with hides from "all the country round about," and the hides were sold at a profit.

From this small beginning he traced the tanning industry to the present time, the originator never dreaming even that it would assume such large proportions, giving the hides to the tanneries, and even extending its influence to outlying neighborhoods and beyond to other towns, as is seen at the present time.

After fifteen years of hard service, Mr. Merrick sold to other parties, who in turn moved along in a quiet manner, and the industry continued to grow.

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This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some minor creases and discoloration, characteristic of old paper. The right edge of the page shows the binding of the book, with a dark, possibly black, cover visible. The overall lighting is even, highlighting the subtle variations in the paper's tone and texture.

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